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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT: : Monthly Report--Jordan Bureau--April 1986

I. GENERAL

A small, brief, well-policed demonstration against the U.S. bombing of Libya was held in front of the embassy on 16 April. So far this has been the only outward manifestation of condemnation of the U.S. action in Jordan. Obviously, the embassy joined all missions worldwide to increase security measures and step up alertness to the possibility of reprisals against American targets. No such incidents have yet been reported in Jordan.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. In response to a phonecall from the Wire, Acting Bureau Chief [] opened the bureau at 0430 local time on the 15th STAT to cover for reaction to the U.S. bombing raid against Libya. Principal embassy officers were notified of the situation by phone. The bureau then instituted round-the-clock operations through the 16th. On the 18th we implemented the emergency backstop coverage plan to cover for Nicosia Bureau's closure as a result of reaction to the Libya raid. The backstop coverage lasted until the 22d, when Nicosia Bureau resumed operations. The time and effort that went into compiling and updating the emergency backstop plan paid high dividends in the ease of coordination and coverage among the backstop bureaus.

2. The bureau prepared for AG an editorial report providing monitors' views on the new Jordanian electoral law, which, when implemented, will significantly alter West Bank Palestinian representation in Jordan's parliament. We have also acquired an unofficial translation of a speech made in the Senate by former Prime Minister 'Ubaydat criticizing the electoral law. The speech was not covered in the local media. We are pouching the translation to AG.

3. Receipt of the Iraqi papers has, at long last, been stabilized. In fact, we are now receiving the papers--AL-THAWRAH and AL-JUMHURIYAH--with only 1-2 days lag, which is significantly better than before the distribution dispute arose.

B. Lateral Services

1. At their request, U.S. Embassy Kuwait was dropped from most of the Middle East packages in which they were included. The volume of traffic was overwhelming them.

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III. VISITS

A. From the bureau

1. Bureau Chief [] 8-18 April to Washington to attend the annual bureau chiefs conference.

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IV. COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

A. Bureau Chief [] has been elected to the board of the American Embassy Employees Association.

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Chief, Jordan Bureau

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ATT: Monthly Production Report

JORDAN BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR APRIL 1986

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: 182,850
 TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: 44,290
 TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH: 813

II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: BROAD- PRESS PUBLI-
 CASTS AGENCIES CATIONS
 (MINUTES OR ISSUES PER WEEK) 6430 13470 73

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:

(PUBLISHABLE WORDS PER MONTH)

CLANDESTINE (IRAN AND IRAQ)
 (CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF IRAQI KURDISTAN IN
 ARABIC 0
 (CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF IRAQI REVOLUTION IN
 ARABIC 0
 BAHRAIN
 AMMAN WAKH IN
 ARABIC 0
 EGYPT
 CAIRO DOMESTIC SERVICE IN
 ARABIC 2510
 CAIRO MENA IN
 ARABIC 2040
 FRANCE
 PARIS RADIO MONTE CARLO IN
 ARABIC 8160
 PARIS AL-MUSTAQBAL IN
 ARABIC 0
 PARIS AL-WATAN AL-ARABI IN
 ARABIC 0
 IRAQ
 BAGHDAD VOICE OF THE MASSES IN
 ARABIC 25000
 BAGHDAD VOICE OF PLO IN
 ARABIC 17250
 BAGHDAD DOMESTIC SERVICE IN
 ARABIC 0
 BAGHDAD INA IN
 ARABIC 17090
 BAGHDAD INA IN
 ENGLISH 430
 BAGHDAD AL-JUMHURIYAH IN
 ARABIC 0
 BAGHDAD AL-THAWRAH IN
 ARABIC 0
 ISRAEL
 JERUSALEM IN
 ARABIC TO THE ARAB WORLD 910
 JERUSALEM AL-FARJ IN
 ARABIC 0
 JERUSALEM AL-MITHAQ IN
 ARABIC 0
 JERUSALEM AL-QUDS IN
 ARABIC 0
 JERUSALEM AL-SHA'B IN
 ARABIC 0
 JERUSALEM AL-TALI'AH IN
 ARABIC 0
 JORDAN
 AMMAN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN
 ARABIC 6910
 AMMAN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN
 ENGLISH 160
 AMMAN TELEVISION SERVICE IN
 ARABIC 2860
 AMMAN TELEVISION SERVICE IN
 ENGLISH 530
 AMMAN PETRA-JNA IN
 ARABIC 2990
 AMMAN AL-DUSTUR IN
 ARABIC 3310
 AMMAN AKHDAR AL-USBU' IN
 ARABIC 710
 AMMAN AL-RAY' IN
 ARABIC 5560
 AMMAN AL-LIWA' IN
 ARABIC 200
 AMMAN THE JERUSALEM STAR IN
 ENGLISH 0
 AMMAN JORDAN TIMES IN
 ENGLISH 6310
 AMMAN SAWT AL-SHA' B IN
 ARABIC 2370
 LEBANON
 BARRJ 'UYUN LEBANON VOICE OF HOPE IN
 ARABIC 590
 VOICE OF LEBANON IN
 ARABIC 2540
 LIBYA
 TRIPOLI DOMESTIC SERVICE IN
 ARABIC 2260
 SUDAN
 KHARTOUM SUNA IN
 ARABIC 9290
 KHARTOUM SUNA IN
 ENGLISH 11820
 SYRIA
 DAMASCUS DOMESTIC SERVICE IN
 ARABIC 39690
 DAMASCUS TELEVISION SERVICE IN
 ARABIC 2130
 DAMASCUS SANA IN
 ARABIC 9230